

Appln No. 10/760,193  
Amdt. Dated November 24, 2006  
Response to Office Action of September 28, 2006

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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of September 28, 2006, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

#### ***Specification***

Page 1 of the specification has been updated. The paragraph entitled "co-pending applications" has been deleted and replaced by a new paragraph. US application numbers have been replaced by US granted numbers, where applicable.

Page 34 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

The Applicant submits that these amendment introduce no new matter.

#### ***Regarding Amendment***

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 2 and to consistently recite "media web";

dependent claim 2 is cancelled; and

dependent claims 3 and 5 are amended to depend directly from amended claim 1;  
and

dependent claims 4 and 6-18 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

#### ***Regarding Allowable Subject Matter***

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of pending claims 2, 3, 5-8 and 12-14 under the conditions stated in the Office Action.

#### ***Regarding Claim Objections***

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to claim 1 to consistently recite "media web", provides sufficient antecedent basis for this term.

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**Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the obviousness rejections of claims 1, 4, 9-11 and 15-18 over Hirahata et al. (US 6,341,548), Kawamura et al. (JP 11-198471), Nagel et al. (US 5,362,008), Shiba (JP 10-291706), Inana et al. (US 2001/0006202), Prater et al. (US 5,551,564) and Fushimi (JP 2000-302299), based on the above-described amendment to independent claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 2.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

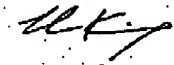
Very respectfully,

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